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TEXAS
Labor Market Review

TEXAS EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION MAY 1988 AUSTIN, TEXAS 78778

TEXAS UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DROPS SHARPLY

The Statewide jobless rate in the actual series declined over the month, from 8.3 percent to 7.0 percent in mid-April -- its lowest level since January 1986 (before the oil crisis) and the largest March-to-April decrease since 1970. The number of unemployed fell by close to 100,000, totaling 577,000 in April. The current rate was also down from the year-ago rate of 8.3 percent. While this sharp drop in unemployment is encouraging, it cannot necessarily be interpreted as a turning point in the State's economy, as joblessness will probably expand again in May when summer jobseekers begin entering the labor market. The total number of Texans who were working rose substantially in April, to an estimated 7,658,000.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Apr. 1988	Mar. 1988	Apr. 1987
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	120,264.0	119,957.0	118,347.0
Unemployment	6,359.0	7,090.0	7,306.0
Percent Unemployed	5.3	5.9	6.2
Total Employment	113,905.0	112,867.0	111,041.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	121,323.0	120,904.0	119,363.0
Unemployment	6,610.0	6,801.0	7,557.0
Percent Unemployed	5.4	5.6	6.3
Total Employment	114,713.0	114,103.0	111,806.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	8,235.0	8,167.1	8,099.9
Unemployment	577.0	674.1	671.3
Percent Unemployed	7.0	8.3	8.3
Total Employment	7,658.0	7,493.0	7,428.6
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	8,334.0	8,252.0	8,197.1
Unemployment	623.0	670.0	716.0
Percent Unemployed	7.5	8.1	8.7
Total Employment	7,711.0	7,582.0	7,481.0

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Texas also declined between March and April, dropping from 8.1 percent to 7.5 percent. The current rate was, however, over a full percentage point below the April 1987 seasonally adjusted rate of 8.7 percent. The unemployment rates for the Nation in both series continued falling, with the actual rate declining from 5.9 percent to 5.3 percent in April and the seasonally adjusted rate sliding down from 5.6 percent to 5.4 percent. Both rates were almost a full percentage point below their year-ago levels.

NONFARM SALARIED JOBS INCREASE MODERATELY

Statewide nonagricultural wage and salary employment rose by 8,700 between March and April, totaling 6,547,400 in mid-April -- up 65,400 over the past year. The majority of the over-the-month increases were due to seasonal factors, as outdoor activities accelerated. The largest of the gains in April were in trade, services and construction.

Employers in the retail portion of trade contributed the largest number of new jobs over the month, adding 5,100 positions. A continued moderate decline in the wholesale portion left trade as a whole up 4,300 -- its largest growth this year. Almost every retail sector showed some increases over the month, but the most

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Apr.'88*	Mar.'88**	Apr.'87**	Apr.'88*	Mar.'88**	Apr.'87**	Apr.'88*	Mar.'88**	Apr.'87**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	49,300	49,200	48,400	78,000	77,500	77,200	352,400	351,800	357,400
Manufacturing	4,600	4,600	4,500	10,000	10,000	9,900	39,200	39,300	39,400
Mining	2,100	2,100	2,000	1,200	1,200	1,400	700	800	800
Construction	2,000	2,000	2,100	3,500	3,500	3,400	15,200	15,300	17,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,400	2,400	2,400	5,900	5,800	5,700	10,800	10,900	10,800
Trade	13,600	13,500	13,400	22,500	22,200	22,000	77,900	77,500	79,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,600	2,600	2,500	4,400	4,500	4,500	24,800	24,800	25,300
Services & Misc.	13,100	13,100	13,200	16,400	16,100	16,200	83,600	83,600	84,300
Government	8,900	8,900	8,300	14,100	14,200	14,100	100,200	99,600	100,200
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
TOTAL	127,400	126,800	128,500	58,000	57,600	57,000	67,200	67,200	65,400
Manufacturing	24,200	24,300	25,100	15,600	15,600	15,300	10,300	10,200	9,400
Mining	1,500	1,400	1,500	1,800	1,900	1,800	0	0	0
Construction	7,600	7,500	7,800	6,200	5,900	5,900	2,200	2,200	2,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,400	9,500	9,700	2,300	2,300	2,300	3,200	3,100	3,100
Trade	31,000	30,800	31,300	10,900	10,900	11,000	17,500	17,500	17,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,300	5,200	5,200	2,000	2,000	2,000	3,500	3,600	3,500
Services & Misc.	28,000	27,700	27,700	3,100	3,900	3,700	13,900	14,000	13,400
Government	20,400	20,400	20,200	11,100	11,100	11,000	16,600	16,600	16,100
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 2/		
TOTAL	48,500	48,200	47,200	125,100	124,800	123,600	1,327.5	1,326.9	1,326.9
Manufacturing	3,200	3,200	3,000	11,100	11,200	11,400	220.9	221.5	221.1
Mining	600	600	600	3,800	3,800	4,400	18.2	18.2	18.7
Construction	2,200	2,100	1,900	6,100	6,100	6,800	52.2	53.1	64.3
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,500	1,600	1,500	6,900	6,800	6,900	91.6	90.9	88.6
Trade	9,700	9,300	9,900	32,600	32,400	31,700	345.5	345.2	343.2
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,700	1,700	1,800	7,000	6,900	6,900	128.5	128.5	133.1
Services & Misc.	8,600	8,600	8,200	29,300	29,300	28,000	319.5	318.1	308.0
Government	21,000	21,100	20,300	28,300	28,300	27,500	151.1	151.4	149.9
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	188,600	187,000	184,500	513,800	512,900	512,600	70,300	69,300	71,500
Manufacturing	37,500	37,200	35,700	117,100	117,400	113,500	8,500	8,600	8,600
Mining	0	0	0	3,700	3,500	3,600	600	600	500
Construction	9,300	9,200	9,500	20,200	20,200	25,100	2,900	3,000	4,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	10,500	10,400	9,900	30,900	30,700	29,200	4,500	4,500	5,100
Trade	46,800	46,600	45,900	133,200	133,400	136,300	14,400	13,900	14,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	9,500	9,400	9,500	26,900	26,900	27,900	4,100	4,100	4,200
Services & Misc.	35,500	34,900	34,500	113,000	112,300	110,200	14,500	13,900	13,600
Government	39,500	39,300	39,500	68,800	68,500	66,800	20,800	20,700	21,000

significant gain occurred in eating and drinking places, which rose by 4,100. Smaller seasonal increases were reported in food stores, where 700 jobs were added. and in general merchandise stores, which gained 600 positions. Minor downturns were recorded in building materials and garden supplies and among automotive dealers and service stations.

Services has generated three-fourths of the total job growth during the past year. This sector increased by only 2,600 between March and April, its smallest advance in 1988. The largest over-the-month gain was in amusement, including motion pictures, where seasonal hiring for amusement parks and major baseball stadiums accelerated. A sizeable number of additional jobs were also created in business and repair services and in health services. These two industries combined were responsible for half of the total jobs created over the past year. The only sector of services which lost positions over the month was hotels and other lodging places, where employment has been hurt by the State's overall economic downturn.

Construction recorded its largest increase since July 1987, with 1,900 additional jobs between March and April. Much of this increase was seasonal in nature; and a sizeable portion of the new jobs were in heavy construction such as highways and bridges. Despite this advance, employment in construction remained 25,800 below its year-ago level.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Apr.'88*	Mar.'88**	Apr.'87**
HOUSTON 2/			
TOTAL	1,399.5	1,395.7	1,372.1
Manufacturing	150.6	150.2	143.2
Mining	63.6	63.3	61.5
Construction	81.0	80.6	84.6
Trans., Comm., & Util.	98.7	98.2	96.4
Trade	350.5	350.4	345.8
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	97.2	97.3	102.1
Services & Misc.	368.2	366.1	350.7
Government	189.7	189.6	187.8
LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			
TOTAL	65,600	65,300	64,000
Manufacturing	15,800	15,800	15,100
Mining	3,500	3,500	3,600
Construction	3,300	3,300	3,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,200	3,200	3,200
Trade	16,700	16,700	16,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,700	2,700	3,100
Services & Misc.	11,900	11,600	11,200
Government	8,500	8,500	8,400
MIDLAND			
TOTAL	44,600	44,400	43,500
Manufacturing	2,800	2,800	2,800
Mining	9,900	9,900	9,500
Construction	1,100	1,100	1,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,200	2,200	2,100
Trade	10,200	10,100	10,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,500	2,500	2,700
Services & Misc.	8,700	8,700	8,600
Government	7,200	7,100	6,500
SAN ANTONIO			
TOTAL	511,000	508,900	501,500
Manufacturing	47,100	46,600	46,200
Mining	2,700	2,700	2,600
Construction	27,300	28,100	29,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	18,000	17,900	18,100
Trade	132,700	131,200	129,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	40,000	40,400	39,700
Services & Misc.	125,700	124,500	120,100
Government	117,500	117,500	116,000
TYLER 3/			
TOTAL	61,100	61,000	60,700
Manufacturing	10,600	10,600	10,800
Mining	1,900	1,900	1,900
Construction	2,300	2,300	2,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,600
Trade	16,400	16,300	16,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,600	3,600	3,600
Services & Misc.	14,500	14,500	13,900
Government	9,200	9,200	9,100
WICHITA FALLS			
TOTAL	50,200	50,300	50,200
Manufacturing	8,200	8,200	8,400
Mining	1,900	1,900	1,900
Construction	1,700	1,700	1,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,600
Trade	12,100	12,100	12,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,300	2,300	2,400
Services & Misc.	11,600	11,600	11,500
Government	9,800	9,900	9,500

Industry	Apr.'88*	Mar.'88**	Apr.'87**
KILLEEN-TEMPLE			
TOTAL	70,400	70,100	68,900
Manufacturing	8,000	7,900	7,900
Mining	100	100	100
Construction	3,500	3,500	3,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,700	2,700	2,600
Trade	16,200	16,000	15,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,000	3,000	3,000
Services & Misc.	15,400	15,400	15,000
Government	21,500	21,500	20,800
LUBBOCK			
TOTAL	92,000	91,700	91,100
Manufacturing	7,300	7,400	7,300
Mining	400	400	400
Construction	3,400	3,300	3,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	5,000	5,000	4,900
Trade	27,400	27,100	26,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,500	5,200	5,500
Services & Misc.	21,700	22,000	21,200
Government	21,300	21,300	21,900
ODESSA 3/			
TOTAL	43,200	43,500	41,500
Manufacturing	3,700	3,800	3,600
Mining	6,100	6,200	5,600
Construction	2,000	2,100	2,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,100	2,100	2,000
Trade	12,500	12,500	12,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,700	1,700	1,700
Services & Misc.	7,300	7,300	6,800
Government	7,800	7,800	7,700
SHERMAN-DENISON			
TOTAL	38,100	38,100	37,300
Manufacturing	11,100	11,100	10,800
Mining	100	100	100
Construction	1,800	1,700	1,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,000	2,000	2,000
Trade	8,300	8,200	8,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,700	1,800	1,700
Services & Misc.	8,800	8,900	8,300
Government	4,300	4,300	4,500
VICTORIA 3/			
TOTAL	27,600	27,700	27,200
Manufacturing	2,900	3,100	2,800
Mining	1,500	1,500	1,500
Construction	1,800	1,800	1,800
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,500	1,500	1,500
Trade	7,800	7,800	7,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,600	1,500	1,500
Services & Misc.	5,900	5,900	5,600
Government	4,600	4,600	4,600

Industry	Apr.'88*	Mar.'88**	Apr.'87**
LAREDO			
TOTAL	36,300	35,900	35,300
Manufacturing	1,500	1,500	1,700
Mining	2,000	2,000	1,800
Construction	1,300	1,300	1,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	4,800	4,800	4,400
Trade	10,300	10,200	10,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,700	1,700	1,600
Services & Misc.	6,100	5,900	5,900
Government	8,600	8,500	8,400
MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION			
TOTAL	90,000	91,300	88,100
Manufacturing	12,100	12,400	12,100
Mining	900	900	800
Construction	4,100	4,000	3,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,700	2,800	3,000
Trade	26,800	27,300	26,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,700	3,700	3,600
Services & Misc.	14,600	14,700	14,500
Government	25,100	25,500	24,100
SAN ANGELO			
TOTAL	36,600	36,600	36,200
Manufacturing	5,600	5,600	5,600
Mining	400	400	400
Construction	1,600	1,600	1,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,100	3,100	3,200
Trade	9,500	9,500	9,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,800	1,800	1,800
Services & Misc.	7,800	7,800	7,600
Government	6,800	6,800	6,600
TEXARKANA			
TOTAL	45,000	45,400	45,000
Manufacturing	7,200	7,300	7,300
Mining	100	100	100
Construction	2,000	2,100	1,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,700	1,700	1,800
Trade	10,500	10,500	10,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,900	1,900	1,900
Services & Misc.	9,400	9,400	9,300
Government	12,100	12,400	12,500
WACO			
TOTAL	78,500	78,800	77,300
Manufacturing	14,700	14,700	14,600
Mining	100	100	100
Construction	3,700	3,600	3,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,300	3,300	3,200
Trade	19,100	19,100	18,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,700	4,700	4,700
Services & Misc.	20,400	20,700	19,900
Government	12,500	12,500	12,400

* Preliminary -- subject to revision. ** Revised.

1/ Estimates prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor, with specified exceptions.

2/ In Thousands.

3/ Estimates prepared under the auspices of the Texas Employment Commission.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES 1/

Industry	Apr. 1988*	Mar. 1988**	Apr. 1987**	Change From Mar. 1988	Change From Apr. 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT±	6,547,400	6,538,700	6,482,000	8,700	65,400
Manufacturing	937,500	938,400	918,600	-900	18,900
Durable Goods	541,200	539,700	523,600	1,500	17,600
Lumber & Wood Products	33,500	33,000	34,600	500	-1,100
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	6,400	6,500	6,700	-100	-300
Furniture & Fixtures	16,700	16,700	15,600	0	1,100
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	42,700	42,600	43,200	100	-500
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	18,100	18,300	19,400	-200	-1,300
Primary Metal Industries	28,400	28,300	26,700	100	1,700
Fabricated Metal Industries	74,000	73,700	71,000	300	3,000
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	34,900	35,000	34,900	-100	0
Machinery, Except Electrical	101,400	101,000	96,100	400	5,300
Oil Field Machinery	22,700	22,400	20,600	300	2,100
Electric & Electronic Equipment	116,800	116,700	114,200	100	2,600
Transportation Equipment	92,400	92,500	87,800	-100	4,600
Aircraft & Parts	53,400	53,300	50,700	100	2,700
Instruments & Related Products	21,800	21,800	21,500	0	300
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	13,500	13,400	12,900	100	600
Nondurable Goods	396,300	398,700	395,000	-2,400	1,300
Food & Kindred Products	93,100	94,800	94,900	-1,700	-1,800
Meat Products	26,700	27,000	27,700	-300	-1,000
Dairy Products	4,700	4,700	4,700	0	0
Bakery Products	10,100	10,100	9,800	0	300
Malt Beverages	2,900	3,000	3,100	-100	-200
Textile Mill Products	3,900	3,900	4,000	0	-100
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	54,900	54,300	52,100	600	2,800
Paper & Allied Products	25,500	25,500	23,700	0	1,800
Printing & Publishing	72,700	72,900	74,200	-200	-1,500
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	35,600	36,000	37,300	-400	-1,700
Chemicals & Allied Products	73,300	74,300	73,500	-1,000	-200
Petroleum & Coal Products	30,800	30,900	33,100	-100	-2,300
Petroleum Refining	27,500	27,600	29,800	-100	-2,300
Leather & Leather Products	7,900	7,900	7,000	0	900
Other Nondurable Goods	34,200	34,200	32,500	0	1,700
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,609,900	5,600,300	5,563,400	9,600	46,500
Mining	180,200	181,300	178,900	-1,100	1,300
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	9,700	9,800	10,100	-100	-400
Oil & Gas Extraction	170,500	171,500	168,800	-1,000	1,700
Construction	321,400	319,500	347,200	1,900	-25,800
Transportation & Public Utilities	385,600	384,000	380,600	1,600	5,000
Railroad Transportation	20,900	20,900	21,600	0	-700
Transportation, Except Railroads	204,600	203,300	197,500	1,300	7,100
Transportation by Air	61,100	60,000	54,200	1,100	6,900
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	84,600	84,300	85,000	300	-400
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	75,500	75,500	76,500	0	-1,000
Electric Services	41,100	41,100	42,600	0	-1,500
Gas Production & Distribution	27,200	27,200	26,800	0	400
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,637,500	1,633,200	1,635,000	4,300	2,500
Wholesale Trade	408,200	409,000	406,700	-800	1,500
Retail Trade	1,229,300	1,224,200	1,228,300	5,100	1,000
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	44,500	44,800	46,600	-300	-2,100
General Merchandise Stores	162,100	161,500	157,300	600	4,800
Food Stores	227,100	226,400	227,100	700	0
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	132,300	132,400	133,300	-100	-1,000
Apparel & Accessory Stores	77,600	77,400	83,000	200	-5,400
Eating & Drinking Places	403,500	399,400	398,200	4,100	5,300
Other Retail Trade	182,200	182,300	182,800	-100	-600
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	438,200	438,200	443,900	0	-5,700
Banking	98,100	98,000	98,900	100	-800
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	137,900	137,800	137,600	100	300
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	202,200	202,400	207,400	-200	-5,200
Services	1,469,500	1,466,900	1,419,800	2,600	49,700
Hotels & Otner Lodging Places	81,200	81,600	83,500	-400	-2,300
Personal Services	84,700	84,500	83,000	200	1,700
Business & Repair Services	405,800	404,900	389,900	900	15,900
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	55,000	54,000	52,900	1,000	2,100
Health Services	397,800	397,000	380,100	800	17,700
Educational Services	80,000	80,000	75,500	0	4,500
Other Services & Miscellaneous	365,000	364,900	354,900	100	10,100
Total Government	1,177,500	1,177,200	1,158,000	300	19,500
Total Federal Government	190,700	191,500	193,700	-800	-3,000
Total State Government	244,400	243,300	234,800	1,100	9,600
Total Local Government	742,400	742,400	729,500	0	12,900

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ±Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.
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	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	54,100	53,700	53,500	99,600	98,200	97,400	428,400	425,000	425,800
Total Unemployment	3,400	4,100	4,500	5,400	6,400	5,900	24,100	29,100	25,800
Percent Unemployed	6.3	7.6	8.4	5.4	6.5	6.1	5.6	6.8	6.1
Total Employment 2/	50,700	49,600	49,000	94,200	91,800	91,500	404,300	395,900	400,000
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	159,500	157,600	160,800	81,800	80,400	79,100	97,400	97,000	93,500
Total Unemployment	16,500	18,300	20,300	6,600	7,500	7,300	12,800	14,600	13,000
Percent Unemployed	10.3	11.6	12.6	8.1	9.3	9.2	13.1	15.1	13.9
Total Employment 2/	143,000	139,300	140,500	75,200	72,900	71,800	84,600	82,400	80,500
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	57,600	56,500	56,200	161,800	160,100	160,200	1,449.5	1,433.8	1,423.2
Total Unemployment	2,400	2,800	3,200	15,200	17,200	18,900	80.7	90.8	87.8
Percent Unemployed	4.2	5.0	5.7	9.4	10.7	11.8	5.6	6.3	6.2
Total Employment 2/	55,200	53,700	53,000	146,600	142,900	141,300	1,368.8	1,343.0	1,335.4
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	235,800	233,800	226,000	674,700	667,900	663,500	107,200	105,800	107,700
Total Unemployment	23,600	27,000	23,100	41,000	46,900	45,400	9,500	10,900	10,500
Percent Unemployed	10.0	11.5	10.2	6.1	7.0	6.8	8.9	10.3	9.7
Total Employment 2/	212,200	206,800	202,900	633,700	621,000	618,100	97,700	94,900	97,200
	HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,590.4	1,577.1	1,571.9	94,100	93,000	90,700	46,100	46,700	45,100
Total Unemployment	106.9	123.4	141.9	6,900	7,800	6,700	6,300	8,100	7,000
Percent Unemployed	6.7	7.8	9.0	7.3	8.4	7.4	13.7	17.3	15.5
Total Employment 2/	1,483.5	1,453.7	1,430.0	87,200	85,200	84,000	39,800	38,600	38,100
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	78,600	78,300	77,500	112,900	111,800	109,900	146,900	152,400	141,500
Total Unemployment	6,500	7,800	8,100	5,800	6,700	6,500	22,800	30,200	23,400
Percent Unemployed	8.3	10.0	10.5	5.1	6.0	5.9	15.5	19.8	16.5
Total Employment 2/	72,100	70,500	69,400	107,100	105,100	103,400	124,100	122,200	118,100
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	49,300	49,000	49,500	53,500	53,500	53,700	45,200	44,700	44,800
Total Unemployment	3,000	3,500	4,700	3,800	4,500	6,800	2,500	2,800	2,800
Percent Unemployed	6.1	7.1	9.5	7.1	8.4	12.7	5.5	6.3	6.3
Total Employment 2/	46,300	45,500	44,800	49,700	49,000	46,900	42,700	41,900	42,000
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	620,000	613,700	596,100	49,700	49,400	48,200	58,000	58,300	56,500
Total Unemployment	43,800	50,500	44,300	3,000	3,700	3,600	4,400	4,900	4,800
Percent Unemployed	7.1	8.2	7.4	6.0	7.5	7.5	7.6	8.4	8.5
Total Employment 2/	576,200	563,200	551,800	46,700	45,700	44,600	53,600	53,400	51,700
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	76,100	75,800	75,800	36,500	36,300	36,300	93,200	92,300	90,900
Total Unemployment	5,300	6,200	6,400	2,400	2,800	3,200	6,300	7,400	6,900
Percent Unemployed	7.0	8.2	8.4	6.6	7.7	8.8	6.8	8.0	7.6
Total Employment 2/	70,800	69,600	69,400	34,100	33,500	33,100	86,900	84,900	84,000
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	57,500	57,200	56,700				8,235.0	8,167.1	8,099.9
Total Unemployment	3,400	4,300	4,300				577.0	674.1	671.3
Percent Unemployed	5.9	7.5	7.6				7.0	8.3	8.3
Total Employment 2/	54,100	52,900	52,400				7,658.0	7,493.0	7,428.6

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).
2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.
3/ In Thousands.
*Preliminary -- subject to revision. **Revised.

HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Apr.± 1988	Mar. 1988	Apr. 1987	Apr.± 1988	Mar. 1988	Apr. 1987	Apr.± 1988	Mar. 1988	Apr. 1987
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 416.07	$ 412.83	$ 403.27	41.9	41.7	40.9	$ 9.93	$ 9.90	$ 9.86
Durable Goods	413.56	410.76	394.28	42.2	42.0	40.9	9.80	9.78	9.64
Lumber & Wood Products	293.57	290.92	274.31	41.7	41.5	39.3	7.04	7.01	6.98
Furniture & Fixtures	253.13	250.49	239.65	39.8	39.2	37.8	6.36	6.39	6.34
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	399.71	395.04	397.49	43.4	42.8	43.3	9.21	9.23	9.18
Primary Metal Industries	453.28	445.05	419.29	41.7	41.4	40.2	10.87	10.75	10.43
Fabricated Metal Products	382.24	380.84	366.20	42.9	42.6	41.1	8.91	8.94	8.91
Machinery, exc. Electric	434.17	426.62	413.83	43.9	43.4	41.3	9.89	9.83	10.02
Oil Field Machinery	505.82	509.10	500.07	45.9	45.7	42.2	11.02	11.14	11.85
Electric & Electronic Equip.	434.11	427.92	428.22	40.8	40.6	40.9	10.64	10.54	10.47
Transportation Equipment	562.36	559.29	512.86	43.9	43.9	41.9	12.81	12.74	12.24
Instruments & Related Prod.	355.29	348.10	340.28	40.1	39.2	38.8	8.86	8.88	8.77
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	226.45	249.57	259.76	33.9	35.5	38.2	6.68	7.03	6.80
Nondurable Goods	417.73	415.48	413.91	41.4	41.3	40.9	10.09	10.06	10.12
Food & Kindred Products	349.84	342.72	336.84	42.2	42.0	40.1	8.29	8.16	8.40
Meat Products	258.88	251.34	254.69	42.3	42.1	37.9	6.12	5.97	6.72
Malt Beverages	839.45	378.20	814.22	46.2	48.6	46.5	18.17	18.07	17.51
Textile Mill Products	342.06	330.36	319.76	46.1	45.2	45.1	7.42	7.32	7.09
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	191.50	199.28	187.62	36.2	36.7	35.2	5.29	5.43	5.33
Paper & Allied Products	475.08	480.60	462.46	44.4	44.5	43.1	10.70	10.80	10.73
Printing & Publishing	396.98	395.40	384.91	39.5	39.5	39.6	10.05	10.01	9.72
Chemicals & Allied Products	665.46	653.80	662.82	43.1	42.9	44.1	15.44	15.24	15.03
Petroleum & Coal Products	675.80	682.16	678.48	43.6	43.7	44.0	15.50	15.61	15.42
Petroleum Refining	700.35	709.56	704.37	43.5	43.8	44.3	16.10	16.20	15.90
Leather & Leather Products	214.40	218.68	212.63	38.7	38.5	37.5	5.54	5.68	5.57
Other Nondurable Goods	394.26	381.06	400.92	44.6	43.7	45.2	8.84	8.72	8.87
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	503.03	472.42	478.74	41.3	39.5	40.4	12.18	11.96	11.85
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	567.13	562.08	533.57	47.3	46.3	45.8	11.99	12.14	11.65
Oil & Gas Extraction	498.57	467.25	474.40	40.9	39.1	40.0	12.19	11.95	11.86
Commun., exc. U. S. Postal Service	487.95	487.65	473.46	39.8	39.2	39.0	12.26	12.44	12.14
Elec., Gas & San. Services	479.04	459.42	445.50	40.7	39.2	39.6	11.77	11.72	11.25
Wholesale & Retail Trade	231.46	227.65	227.45	32.6	32.2	32.4	7.10	7.07	7.02
Wholesale Trade	398.56	387.77	378.11	39.5	38.7	38.9	10.09	10.02	9.72
Retail Trade	180.56	178.48	181.49	30.5	30.2	30.4	5.92	5.91	5.97
General Merchandise Stores	175.51	174.22	190.61	28.4	28.1	29.1	6.18	6.20	6.55
Banking	272.97	250.28	262.30	38.5	35.5	37.1	7.09	7.05	7.07

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS	$ 400.61	$ 397.29	$ 399.90	41.3	41.0	41.1	$ 9.70	$ 9.69	$ 9.73
Manufacturing	423.26	420.40	425.18	41.7	41.5	41.2	10.15	10.13	10.32
Durable Goods	365.49	360.28	359.51	40.7	40.3	40.9	8.98	8.94	8.79
Nondurable Goods									
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON	459.54	456.35	393.09	41.4	41.6	40.4	11.10	10.97	9.73
Manufacturing	484.55	482.89	407.23	41.7	42.1	40.4	11.62	11.47	10.08
Durable Goods	376.40	370.93	356.73	40.3	40.1	40.4	9.34	9.25	8.83
Nondurable Goods									
HOUSTON	497.20	490.50	488.42	44.0	43.6	43.3	11.30	11.25	11.28
Manufacturing	420.02	413.47	411.74	44.4	43.8	42.8	9.46	9.44	9.62
Durable Goods	585.98	579.39	572.90	43.6	43.4	43.9	13.44	13.35	13.05
Nondurable Goods									
SAN ANTONIO	308.86	302.44	312.17	40.8	39.9	40.7	7.57	7.58	7.67
Manufacturing	334.15	326.38	335.29	40.9	39.9	39.4	8.17	8.18	8.51
Durable Goods	283.68	277.80	290.37	40.7	39.8	41.9	6.97	6.98	6.93
Nondurable Goods									

*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.
SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

Continued improvement in transportation by air provided the primary impetus for the 1,600 jobs created in transportation and public utilities in April. The only other advance within this sector was a gain of 300 jobs in communication.

Offsetting gains and losses left government employment up by only 300 positions in April. A gain of 1,100 within state government was mostly nullified by the loss of 800 positions in federal government, while local government was unchanged over the month. Mining reported its largest drop in employment thus far this year with the loss of 1,100 jobs. This was also the only downturn in a major nonmanufacturing category in April.

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Manufacturing declined by 900 over the month, as sizeable temporary seasonal layoffs in some sectors of nondurable goods more than offset fairly widespread but minor increases within durable goods. The gains in durable goods totaled 1,500, with the largest advance in lumber and wood products which rose by 500 in April. Smaller increases were recorded in nonelectrical machinery, where oil field machinery provided most of the 400 jobs gained, and in fabricated metal industries, which increased by 300 positions. The only decline in durable goods was a minor loss in transportation equipment.

A seasonal layoff in the preserved fruits and vegetables sector of food and kindred products produced a decline of 1,700 jobs in April -- the largest downturn in nondurable goods, which lost a total of 2,400 positions over the month. The second-largest decrease occurred in chemicals and allied products, where a manufacturer of fertilizer temporarily laid off approximately 1,000 workers. Smaller declines were reported in printing and publishing and in petroleum and coal products. Apparel and other finished textile products provided the only increase in nondurable goods, with 600 additional jobs in April.

HOURS AND EARNINGS RISE MODERATELY

The number of manufacturing production workers in Texas rose by 400 over the month, to a total of 607,500 in mid-April. Over the past year, however, the number of production workers had risen by 16,400. The average worker in April was making $9.93 per hour for a 41.9-hour work week. Weekly earnings averaged $416.07, up $3.24 from the March estimate.

Compared to a year earlier, average weekly hours had risen by a full hour and average hourly earnings were up 7¢, pushing average weekly earnings up by $12.80 -- a fairly sizeable increase.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	Apr. 1988	Apr. 1987
Total Population	16,864,000	16,764,000*
% UI Covered Unemployment	2.0	2.8
UI Covered Employers	312,440	315,327
Total Claims Actions	534,309	799,227
Total Initial Claims Actions	56,591	76,900
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	477,718	722,327
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	153.45	157.51
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	63,028,704	102,386,215
Total Placements	30,976	28,085

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